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SUBJ: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, DECEMBER 19-20, 1977:  
EC-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS

REFS: (A) BRUSSELS 16978; (B) BRUSSELS 16148 (NOTAL);  
(C) BRUSSELS 18320

1. DURING DECEMBER 19-20 COUNCIL MEETING, THE EC FOREIGN  
MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF PROGRESS IN COREPER TOWARD  
DEVELOPING A MANDATE FOR THE EC COMMISSION TO  
NEGOTIATE WITH YUGOSLAVIA A NEW COOPERATION AGREEMENT  
(REFS A AND B). ACCORDING TO AN FRG PERMREP SOURCE,  
UNRESOLVED ISSUES IN COREPER DISCUSSIONS CENTER ON  
BENEFITS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS AND THE SIZE OF THE FINANCIAL  
PROTOCOL, UNDER WHICH EC WILL OFFER YUGOSLAVIA ADDITIONAL  
LOANS FROM THE EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK. THE MINISTERS  
ASKED COREPER TO SUBMIT FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE  
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2. THE COUNCIL ALSO AUTHORIZED ITALY TO EXTEND THROUGH  
JUNE 30, 1978 THE 1977 YUGOSLAV/ITALIAN AGREEMENT WHICH  
WOULD OTHERWISE HAVE EXPIRED AT THE END OF THIS YEAR  
(REF C). ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN PERMREP SOURCE, THE  
COUNCIL INSTRUCTED THE COMMISSION TO INFORM BELGRADE

THAT THIS EXTENSION WILL NOT BE RENEWED AFTER JUNE 30, 1978, SINCE THE EC WANTS TO SECURE ITALIAN FISHING RIGHTS IN YUGOSLAV WATERS ON THE BASIS OF A NEGOTIATED EC/YUGOSLAV AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, THE COUNCIL ALSO AGREED TO LINK NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EC-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND THE FISHERY AGREEMENT, AND TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY PAYMENT FOR FISHING LICENSES IN THE CONCESSIONS TO BE OFFERED YUGOSLAVIA AS PART OF AN OVERALL COMMUNITY PACKAGE. (OUR SOURCE POINTS OUT THAT, IF NEGOTIATIONS WERE PURSUED SEPARATELY, IT WOULD BE TOO EASY FOR YUGOSLAVIA TO "PICK US OFF ON FISH".) IN A RELATED DECISION, THE COUNCIL AGREED THE COMMUNITY SHOULD ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT OF EIGHTY PERCENT OF TOTAL FISHING LICENSE CHARGES LEVIED BY YUGOSLAVIA ON ITALY DURING THE PERIOD UP TO JUNE 30 (THE EC WILL THEREFORE PAY AROUND 220,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT AND ITALY 55,000 DURING THIS PERIOD - ONE UNIT OF ACCOUNT CURRENTLY EQUALS ABOUT \$1.20). HINTON

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